MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Then what is the delay in working out the estimate?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Funds have to be provided.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In view of the large revenue by way of market tolls, derived from the trace leading to the Kesavapuram market, will the Government take up the question of converting it into a road immediately?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The interested parties have not given written undertaking to surrender the lands in question. That has first to be done.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the income derived from the market?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice. I do not think that it has anything to do with the question of converting the trace into a road.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I want to know whether the Government are in possession of information regarding the yearly income derived from this market to which there is a road?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have already claimed notice.

Quantity of salt imported and stocked in 1111.

361. ❋ MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the quantity of salt stocked in the factories and Government depots as it stood at the end of 1111;

(*b*) the quantity of foreign salt and home salt out of the same; and

(*c*) the quantity of foreign salt imported in 1111 and till the end of Dhanu 1112?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*):

(*a*) 20,77,162 maunds.

(*b*) Foreign salt ... 58,269 maunds,
Local salt ... 20,18,893 maunds.

(*c*) In 1111 ... 87,488 maunds 33 seers and 5 5/9 tolas.

Up to the end of Dhanu 1112 ... 17,878 maunds 5 1/8 seers.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In view of the large excess of salt, may I know what prompted the Government to get down a large quantity of foreign salt?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): No large quantity of foreign salt is being imported now. For special reasons, some foreign salt is being imported. The people of North Travancore have

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[Mr. C. O. Madhavan.]

a partiality for Bombay salt. Sir, the Government do not want to discontinue the supply of Bombay salt all at once in those places. But, it has been decided now by Government not to import any Bombay salt hereafter. About 13,000 to 14,000 mds. of salt is brought to Shencotta from Tuticorin. That is on account of the facility with which salt can be transported from Tuticorin to Shencottah. If it is to be sent from our factories, the cost of transport will be prohibitive. Government are considering the question whether the salt from our factories can be transported to Shencottah also. If it is found to be worthwhile, that will be done.

Memorial from the Valans of Shertala regarding the catching of prawns.

362. * **MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a memorial from the Valans of Shertala regarding their grievances in the catching of prawns; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date of the same and whether any action has been taken on the same?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 27th January 1937. The matter is under consideration.

N. D. Anchal Office at Kanakappalam.

363. * **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have or the Anchal Superintendent has ordered to shift the N. D. Anchal Office from Kanakappalam to Erumeli Pettah;

(*b*) the date of the establishment of the said office at Kanakappalam;

(*c*) at whose instance it was established;

(*d*) whether the applicants for the establishment of it were asked to deposit any amount as security to meet the loss, if any, that may be incurred in the working of the said office;

(*e*) whether any of the said applicants deposited such security;

(*f*) the amount so deposited;

(*g*) whether the amount was returned to the depositor, and, if so, the date of the return of the same;

(*h*) the annual income from and the annual expenditure towards the working of the said office from its inception to the end of 1111 M. E.; and

(*i*) the reasons for the shifting of the said office to Erumeli Pettah?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*). (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1-11-1102.

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